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# EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1964

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1964.

The Report is prepared as indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No.1/65 dated the 11th January, 1965.

The Crude Death Rate is 12.39 as compared with 15.76 for 1963.

The Standardised Death Rate is 8.92 compared with 11.3 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a 'comparability factor' making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 20.98 compared with 20.34 for the previous year. (There were 6 deaths of infants under one year in 1963).

The Birth Rate is 17.45 compared with 18.52 in 1963.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 17.62 compared with 18.4 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from Enteritis and none from maternal causes.

For the eighteenth year no case of Diphtheria was notified.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

## HOUSING

### Slum Clearance

1.	Number of unfit houses included in programme submitted by the Council in January, 1956 ... ..	103
2.	Number dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Section 16, Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	27
3.	Number dealt with under Section 25, Housing Act, 1936 and Section 42, Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	87
4.	Houses known to be unfit but in respect of which statutory action has not yet been taken ... ..	7



5.	Houses in Council ownership declared unfit ... ..	21
6.	Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners ... ..	10
7.	Number of families rehoused from unfit houses ... ..	111
8.	Number of families waiting to be rehoused ... ..	11

## COUNCIL HOUSING

The following information is given by Mrs. O. Wren, the Housing Manager.

### Council Properties

Council accommodation totals 891 houses and flats, 5 shops and 166 garages. Building commenced this year on two new estates, one of which lies in the Ashurst Wood area and comprises 12 houses, 8 bed/sitting room, 20 one bedroomed and 16 two bedroomed flats. The second estate, which is 'purpose built' for elderly citizens, lies in Holtys Rise near the Queen Victoria Hospital and comprises 10 bed/sitting room and 10 one bedroomed flats. These have attached, a two bedroomed Warden's flat, Common Room for the use of tenants, a Guest's bedroom and a Laundry Room.

It is hoped to use both these estates for transferring existing Council tenants from under-occupied houses.

### Repairs and Decorations.

Repairs and maintenance continues to be carried out by the Council's direct labour force and, during the year, 1,190 orders were issued. Tenants are responsible for the following items of repair and/or replacements: electric fuses, plugs and chains for sinks, lavatory basins, baths and W.C's, door handles, latches and hinges, locks, interior and exterior door keys, hat and coat rails and hooks thereon, window fasteners, staybars and/or sash lifts, tap washers, electric fittings, power and lighting plugs, switches and pendants. These latter repairs or renewals must be carried out by a competent electrician.

Where applicable, i.e., on properties where these are installed, tenants are responsible for the repair or renewal of flexible gas tubes and gas pokers, gate fasteners, elements to any electrical fire in the lounge.

Where the following items are damaged during the tenancy, the tenant is ordinarily liable for the cost of repair or replacement of wash-basins, sinks and gratings, W.C. pans and seats, window panes, woodwork and interior furnishing. Window panes are reglazed on request, the tenant paying approximately 14/- per pane, or free of charge where the broken window is due to the condition of the iron frames.

Tenants accept responsibility for these repairs and the scheme encourages them to maintain such items in good repair.



During the year, walls in the kitchen and bathroom and all ceilings were plastered in 11 houses on the Sackville Estate, to a large extent by outside contract. 85 properties were decorated internally and 16 tenants received allowances in respect of 45 rooms which they had decorated with their own materials.

168 houses and flats were decorated externally by outside contract.

Free collections of excess rubbish, such as items of old iron, mattresses, etc., were made on request from tenants of private and Council owned accommodation on the last Friday of each month. These collections alleviate to a certain extent 'dumping' on greens and in lanes within the district. The number of collections from Council owned property was 124.

### The Council's Housing Waiting List

Review of the Waiting List was continued and a number of applicants were revisited in order to confirm and bring up to date details of their circumstances, ready for the allocation of the newly built properties next year.

At the end of the year the Waiting List had again increased by 24 to 346.

During the year, lettings totalled 56 and, of these, five families were rehoused from unfit properties.

The number of Council tenants on the Waiting List for a transfer to larger or smaller accommodation totalled 89 and, during the year, 32 transfers were effected.

### Welfare

The Co-ordinating Committee met monthly in the Council Chamber and 22 problem families were assisted in various ways. It has been found that routine visiting alone does not produce the desired result of raising standards in the home and, to me, it is increasingly apparent that a form of home training is required for certain problem families. The form of training required is similar to that provided by the Family Service Units in various parts of the Country, training which is carried out over a long period until the family becomes self supporting in every way. The Co-ordinating Committee deals with families who have a problem as well as problem families, and the two should not be confused.

The Voluntary Laundry continued its valuable work under the organisation of Mrs. Weller and her assistants. Clothing was collected, washed and delivered to 40 homes where elderly people are living alone or have no one to help them. Through the watchful eye of the voluntary helpers, clothing, blankets and other bed linen were provided where it was seen to be necessary.

At Christmas, 472 homes were provided with extra comforts, including

coal, groceries, sweets, tobacco, etc., through various East Grinstead Clubs, including Rotary, Soroptimist, Youth Club and Trefoil Guild.

The Round Table again organised a successful 'Donkey Derby', and the proceeds were used to send 40 elderly people to the sea for a holiday.

The 'Meals on Wheels' Service continued under the Womens' Voluntary Service and 2,122 meals were served (including 24 special Christmas dinners which were provided without charge).

#### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

On the 1st August, 1964, the main part of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, came into operation. Its objects are to secure the health, safety and welfare of persons employed in such premises.

It requires that every premises shall receive a General Inspection to ensure compliance with the required standards of cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, lighting, sanitary and washing conveniences, drinking water, seats, eating facilities, accommodation for clothing, first aid and protection from dangerous machinery.

Owing to the amount of work a project of this nature entails, it was found necessary to employ an additional public health inspector, and Mr. F.A. Freeman commenced his duties on the 14th September, 1964.

I give below the figures supplied to the Ministry of Labour for the year ending 31st December, 1964

Class of Premises	No. premises registered during year	No. of Reg'd premises at end of year	No. of General Inspections of premises in year	Number of Persons employed
Offices	92	88	22	839
Retail Shops	182	182	54	989
Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses	7	6	-	84
Catering Estab/ lishments open to the public, Canteens	24	24	12	136
Fuel Storage Depots	1	1	-	2
TOTALS	306	310	88	2,050

Total Males .... 881

Total Females .... 1169

The total number of visits to Registered Premises was 197.

Arising from the 88 General Inspections, 72 occupiers of premises received Informal Notices pointing out contraventions against the Act.

JOHN PETRIE

Medical Officer of Health.



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1963 are shown in brackets)

Area	...	6,600	
Registrar General's Estimated Population	...	16,390	(15,930)
Density of population per acre	...	2.483	(2.418)
Rateable Value (at 1.4.1964)	...	£777,629	(£743,472)
Sum represented by a 1d rate(1964/5)	...	3,282	(£3,189)
Birth Rate per 1000 population	...	17.45	(18.52)
Standardised Birth Rate	...	17.62	(18.71)
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population	...	12.39	(15.76)
Standardised Death Rate	...	8.92	(11.35)
Infantile Mortality Rate	...	20.98	(20.34)
Number of Inhabited Dwellings (at 1.4.1964)	...	5,092	(5,083)

## BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	...	145	121	266
Illegitimate	...	12	8	20
Total Live Births	...	<u>157</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>286</u>
Birth Rate per 1000 population	...	17.45		
Comparability Factor	...	1.01		
Standardised Birth Rate	...	17.62		

STILL BIRTHS		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	...	2	1	3
Illegitimate	...	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Still Births	...	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Rate per 1000 of the total births	...	10.38		

DEATHS		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
		89	114	203
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population	...	12.39		
Comparability Factor	...	0.72		
Standardised Death Rate		8.92		

INFANTILE MORTALITY		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Deaths of infants under the age of 1 week		1	2	3
Deaths of infants under the age of 4 weeks		1	2	3
Deaths of infants under the age of one year		4	2	6

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births .... 20.98

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Illegitimate Live Births ... 6.09% of Total Live Births.

Neo-Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Live Births)  
...10.49%

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, Other	...	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	13
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	23
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	18
Other Heart Disease	...	3
Other Circulatory Disease	...	7
Pneumonia	...	9
Bronchitis	...	11
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	8
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	2
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	1
Congenital Malformations	...	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	8
All Other Accidents	...	19
Suicide	...	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	...	2
	89	114

## MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 4 weeks	1	2	3
4 weeks & under 1 year	3	-	3
1 - 4	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-
25 - 34	1	1	2
35 - 44	3	2	5
45 - 54	4	3	7
55 - 64	14	14	28
65 - 74	31	23	54
75 and over	32	69	101

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1949 - 1964

YEAR	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M	F	Total		M	F	Total		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total										
1949	11,000	74	83	157	3	3	6	14.82	78	92	170	15.45	1	2	3	18.41	- 7
1950	11,060	78	81	159	6	5	11	15.37	68	59	127	11.84	2	1	3	17.65	43
1951	11,170	76	59	135	2	7	9	12.88	63	86	149	13.34	2	2	4	27.78	- 5
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	-	3	23.62	- 5
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	- 43
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	-	4	25.81	--
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	-	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	-	3	20.98	- 20
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	- 14
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14
1958	13,390	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	-	-	-	-	24
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53
1960	14,900	132	113	245	3	6	9	17.05	86	103	189	12.68	3	-	3	11.81	65
1961	15,540	125	118	241	5	2	7	15.9	97	96	193	12.42	2	2	4	16.1	55
1962	15,860	122	114	236	2	5	7	15.51	101	134	235	14.81	1	2	3	12.34	8
1963	15,930	136	144	280	11	4	15	18.52	107	144	251	15.76	1	5	6	20.34	44
1964	16,390	145	121	266	12	8	20	17.45	89	114	203	12.39	4	2	6	20.98	83

# PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year 1964:

DISEASE	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	-
Measles	74	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	8
Tuberculosis	3	-	1
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	AGE GROUPS									TOTAL
	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	5
Whooping Cough	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	1	17	13	42	-	-	-	1	-	74
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



# TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the years 1949 - 1964

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Pulmonary		Non - Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non - Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1949	4	2	-	-	6	2	1	-	-	3
1950	6	5	-	-	11	5	-	1	-	6
1951	12	5	-	-	17	-	-	1	-	1
1952	6	2	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	2
1953	3	4	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	1
1954	3	3	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	1
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	-	-	-	1
1956	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
1957	6	5	-	2	13	3	-	1	1	5
1958	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
1959	3	1	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	1
1960	2	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
1962	1	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1963	1	3	-	1	5	2	-	-	-	2
1964	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1964

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

Statistics issued by the Ministry of Health for 1964 are based on children born in 1963, and taken as a percentage of live births for 1963.

According to these figures, in the County of Sussex as a whole, 87% were immune to Diphtheria during the year 1964. This figure last year was 79%.

In the East Grinstead area, 365 had completed a full course of Primary Immunisation, and 816 had received a Secondary (reinforcing) injection by the end of the year.

### WHOOPING COUGH

The number of children who had completed a Primary Course ( normally three injections ) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the East Grinstead area was 359.

### POLIOMYELITIS

The national immunisation percentage in 1964 for children born in 1963 was 60%. In the County of East Sussex the percentage was 79%.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION - NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED (or revaccinated during the year).

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
NUMBER VACCINATED	67	159	19	2	13	260
NUMBER RE-VACCINATED	-	-	4	35	110	149

### INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND CHOLERA

During the year 355 International Certificates of Vaccination were authenticated by the Health Department. Of these, 282 were in respect of Smallpox and 73 in respect of Cholera.

## HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:
  - (1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 52
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 83
  - (2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1926 and 1932 ... 2
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 2
  - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil
  - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 24
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 27
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:
  - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of Housing Act, 1957:
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice:
      - (a) By Owners ... Nil
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil
  - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied . Nil
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:
      - (a) By Owners ... Nil
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 1
  - (c) Proceedings under Section 16 and 23 of Housing Act, 1957:
    - (1) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation ... Nil



- (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
  - (3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil
  - (4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from Owners, S. 16(4) ... Nil
    - (a) To render the house fit for human habitation ... Nil
    - (b) To usage other than for human habitation ... Nil
  - (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957:
    - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
    - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit ... Nil
  - (e) Unfit houses voluntarily demolished by Owners ... 3
  - (f) Houses demolished in Clearance areas ... 4
4. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding:
- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year ... Nil
  - (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... Nil
  - (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... Nil
  - (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year... Nil
  - (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year . Nil
  - (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil
  - (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement of overcrowding ... Nil
5. Number of new houses erected during the year 1964:
- (a) State Aided:
    - (i) By Local Authority ... Nil
    - (ii) By private enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.) ... 50
  - (b) Without State Aid: ... 140

Housing Act, 1961, Part 2 - Houses in Multiple Occupation

A large house, once a private dwelling and then a Country Club, was found to be in multiple occupation by ten families. After Statutory action and protracted Court proceedings, the house was vacated and has since been demolished.

## RENT ACT, 1957

### Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications during 1964	...	Nil
Number of applications granted	...	Nil
Number of applications refused	...	Nil
Undertakings given by landlords	...	Nil
Number of certificates issued	...	Nil
Number of applications by landlords to Local Authorities for cancellation of certificates	...	Nil
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation	...	Nil
Number of decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections	...	Nil
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	Nil

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### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Single large items are also collected on the last Friday of each month and a written request should be made to the Surveyor's Department. There is no charge made for this service.

Trade refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned, and a charge of 1/3d per bin on all bins in excess of one per week is made. A collection is also made of trade waste paper, cardboard, etc., again by request. Sacks are supplied by the Council to the trader and are emptied at a charge of 1/3d each, including the first sack.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Hill Place Farm, High Grove. Before being covered, newly-tipped refuse is treated with Malathion insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip are made to ascertain possible nuisance by rodents and flies.

THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958  
PART II - Section 30

The technical operation of the Improvement Grant Scheme of the Housing Act remains delegated to this Department.

The table on page 19 summarises the work during the year.

The works carried out include:

Provision of damp-proof course	...	12
Provision of electric light	...	-
Extensions of electric light	...	26
Provision of hot water for domestic purposes	...	30
Provision of internal water closet	...	29
Provision of bath in separate room	...	29
Provision of lavatory basin	...	31
Provision of sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	...	5
Provision of proper drainage system	...	-
Extensions of drainage system	...	28
Provision of adequate facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	...	18
Provision of additional natural lighting	...	12
Provision of approved grates	...	11

1963	<u>SANITARY SUPERVISION</u>	1964
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Housing Inspections

68	Inspections made under Housing Acts	...	61
27	Inspections made under Public Health Acts	...	116
253	Housing Act: Improvement Grants	...	193
Nil	Certificates of Disrepair	...	Nil

Other Inspections

164	Meat Shops and Slaughterhouses	...	232
10	Fish Shops	...	22
-	Bakehouses	...	-
100	Other Food Premises	...	158
28	Public Houses and Hotels	...	38
7	Clubs	...	13
116	Public Health Acts	...	133
50	Petroleum Acts	...	96
7	Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	...	20
21	Infectious Diseases	...	51
-	Water Supplies	...	3
12	Smoke Observations	...	14
1596	Inspections made under Pest Destruction Acts	...	1687
-	Other Miscellaneous Inspections	...	39
38	Complaints	...	54



9	Drains amended and repaired	...	24
4	Water closets repaired, lighted and ventilated	...	3
5	Roofs repaired or renewed	...	5
3	Eaves, gutters and downspouts renewed or repaired	...	3
4	Rising dampness abated	...	14
6	Dampness, via walls, abated	...	3
1	House floors repaired	...	3
1	Chimneys repaired	...	3
2	Windows repaired and provided	...	2
Nil	Cess Pools emptied	...	1
5	Sewage disposal plants provided or made good	...	6
	Water closets provided	...	5
	Baths provided	...	3
	Wash basins provided	...	4
	Hot water systems provided	...	3
	Dust bins provided	...	6
	Petrol tanks renewed	...	4

### WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. A few houses on the Northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board. Placelands deep borehole is also available as an additional booster for Summer supplies.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally, before going into supply, to de-chlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Analytical Laboratory, Lewes by the Mid-Sussex Water Company for chemical and bacteriological examination. The quality of the water supply has been of a high standard.

Samples of treated water from each supply were tested on the 17th December, 1962 and showed the following Fluoride content:

Weir Wood Reservoir	0.0. p.p.m.	Forest Row Pumping Station	.09 p.p.m.
Placelands Deep Bore	.59 p.p.m.	Hackenden Pumping Station	.02 p.p.m.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 5,182 dwelling houses have a piped water supply.



# IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Discretionary (The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II)										Standard (The House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Part II)	
	Improvement					Conversion					Improvement	
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	
Enquiries made	4	10	1	4	-	1			1	18	7	
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	
Application not approved by Council	-	-	-	2	-	-			-	-	-	
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	2	3	
Applications approved and proceeded with	-	4	1	-	-	-			-	10	7	
Completed by 31/12/1964	-	3	1	-	-	-			-	8	6	
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	-	£985.2.6	£620.5.0	-	-	-			-	£1356.17.5	£770.7.0.	
Approved previously and completed in 1964	-	4	-	-	-	-			-	7	3	

# CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

## (1) Number of Food Premises in the area, by type of business:

Bakehouses	...	2
Butchers	...	13
Catering Establishments		
Boarding Houses	...	-
Cafes and Teashops	...	3
Clubs	...	15
Factory and Staff Canteens	...	6
Fish and Chip Shops	...	4
Hospitals	...	2
Hostels	...	3
Hotels	...	4
Public Houses - Total	...	9
Serving Meals	...	3
Serving Snacks	...	6
Residential Institutions	...	15
Restaurants	...	9
Schools, Technical Colleges, etc.	...	8
Snack Bars	...	2
Chemists	...	6
Confectioners	...	21
Corn Merchants	...	2
Fish Shops (Wet and Dried)	...	3
General Stores	...	20
Greengrocers	...	11
Grocers	...	15
Milk Depots	...	3
Milk Shops	...	2
Wayside Stalls	...	1
Wine Merchants	...	6

## (2) Number of Food Premises by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959:

Sale of Ice-cream	...	42
Preparation of Potted Food	...	-
Preparation of Sausages	...	10
Preparation of Pressed Food	...	-
Preparation of Pickled Food	...	13
Preparation of Preserved Food including Fried Fish	...	5
Dairies	...	5

## (3) Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises 149

## INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 463 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

### TINNED

Fruit	- 14 tins
Fish	- 2 tins
Tomatoes	- 1 tin
Meat	- 19 tins

### MUTTON

112 Livers	- Parasitosis, Hydatid Cysts & distomatosis.
10 Lungs	- Strongylosis
9 Lamb Legs	- 1 injured by dog, 8 decomposing.

### PORK

101 Livers	- Ascariasis
20 Hearts	- Pericarditis
7 Lungs	- Pleurisy
8½ Heads	- Tuberculosis
28 lb Spleens	- Decomposing
1 Shoulder	- Injury
18 lb Pork Links	- Mouldy

### BEEF

12 lb Beef Links	- Mouldy
5 lb 14 oz Brisket	- Decomposition
9 lb 10 oz Silverside	- Decomposition
1 x 44 lb Calf	- Pyaemia and injured hind leg.

### OTHER

1 case Hake Fillets	- Decomposition
267 lb Fish	- Decomposed
105 lb Mushrooms	- Decomposition
55 lb Smoked Bacon	- Decomposition
31 lb 11 oz Haslet	- Mouldy
5 lb 5oz Liver Sausage	- Mouldy

### MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designation were in force during the year ended 31st December, 1964:

<u>Special Designation</u>		<u>No. of Licences</u>
Pasteurised	...	11
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	...	10
Sterilised	...	3

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ...	-	-	50	804	925
Number inspected ...	-	-	50	804	925
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole Carcases condemned ...	-	-	1	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	114	125
Percentage of the number inspected infected with disease other than T.B. ...	-	-	2	14.18	13.51
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole Carcases condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	9
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	-	-	-	-	.97



# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

During the year 76 inspections were made under the Factories Act, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	1	Nil	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	67	75	Nil	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	76	76	Nil	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases where Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	5	-	2	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Outworkers in August list req'd by Sec.133 (1)(c)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	9	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	Nil	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	Rats	Mice	Total
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification ... ..	49	20	69
Number of such properties found to be infested ... ..	42	19	61
Number of properties found to be infested as a result of systematic survey ... ..	13	-	13
Total number of properties infested ...	55	19	74
Infestations dealt with by Council ...	49	16	65
Infestations dealt with by Occupier following instructions given by Rodent Officer ... ..	6	3	9

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year ended 31st December, 1964, 1758 visits were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, and of these 885 were systematic surveys.

The Council also dealt with 13 wasps' nests and 21 complaints of other pests, including cockroaches, ants and moles.

Regular inspections have been made at Eden Vale and Ashurst Wood Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tip, housing estates and other Council properties. A 10% test of sewers was completed in May, 1964, to the satisfaction of the Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A nominal charge for rodent and pest destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of materials and labour. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats and mice.

The Council is prepared to enter into an annual contract to maintain business premises free from vermin.



## LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone 63506) are available to this department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The laboratory is in a position to accept specimens (faeces, sputa, throat swabs, etc.,) both for the diagnosis of individual cases and for the investigation of outbreaks (detection of carriers, reservoirs of infection, mode of spread, etc.,) Specimens should reach the laboratory by 4.30 p.m., on weekdays, by 12.30 p.m., on Saturdays, and by 11.30 a.m., on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this department, and specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the Southdown Motor Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. (Mondays - Fridays) and at 12.30 p.m., on Saturdays. No collections are made on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, East Grinstead before 12.30 p.m., and will be placed on a 'bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4 p.m., collection.

The laboratory remains open until 11.30 a.m., every day of the year for the receipt of urgent specimens (which on Sundays and Public Holidays must be delivered to the laboratory).

Specimens which are received at the Brighton terminus after the last daily collection has been made, are not picked up until the following day, unless prior notification is received at the laboratory that an urgent specimen is on its way which may not, or will not, arrive in Brighton in time for the normal collection. In cases of extreme urgency arising after laboratory hours, special arrangements can be made by 'phoning the Director of the Public Health Laboratory (Dr. J.E. Jameson, Brighton 56960), or the Chief Technician (Mr. N.W. Emberley, Rottingdean 2070).

The following prophylactics are held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:

Vaccine lymph

Gemma globulin

Supplies of the latter are restricted, and it is available only by consultation with the laboratory.

Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:-

Number of Ambulances	...	Two
Ambulance Station	...	Grinstead Motors Ltd., 219b, London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 488
Area served	...	East Grinstead Forest Row Hartfield West Hoathly Worth

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are operated by the British Red Cross Society, by arrangement with the East Sussex County Council.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the ambulances, which are then disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

## HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	Miss K. Byrne, 11a, High Street, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 1318
Area served	...	East Grinstead Urban District Uckfield Rural District Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half)
Office hours	...	Mondays to Fridays inclusive: 10 a.m., to 12 noon 2 p.m., to 4 p.m.

## EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

### CLINICS

### DAYS AND TIMES

INFANT WELFARE	... Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 2 - 4 p.m.
TODDLERS' CLINIC	... Every Tuesday morning, 10 - 11.45 a.m. By appointment with the Health Visitor.
DENTAL CLINIC Mothers and children under 5 years	... By appointment with the Dentist.
ANTE NATAL Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes	... Every Tuesday - 2.15 p.m.
Cuckfield Hospital Patients	Third Wednesday each month - 2.15 p.m. ... By appointment.
DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION	... Second Wednesday each month - 2.15 p.m.
POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION	... Sessions by appointment. Second Tuesday evening in the month - 5.30 p.m., - 7 p.m. Fourth Wednesday each month 10.15 - 11 am
CHILD GUIDANCE	... Fridays - by appointment.
ORTHOPAEDIC	... Monday and Thursday mornings by appointment.
SPEECH THERAPY	... Every Tuesday - by appointment with the Speech Therapist.

### AT QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

CHEST CLINIC	... Every Thursday - 2 p.m.
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### AT ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, MAYPOLE ROAD, ASHURST WOOD.

INFANT WELFARE Weighing Sessions only	... Fourth Tuesday every month - afternoons
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VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

Kent and Sussex Hospital,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Men - Tuesday 11am - 12 noon  
.. . Women - Tuesday 10am - 11 am

Royal Sussex County Hospital,  
Brighton, Sussex

Men - Monday 4.30 pm - 8 pm  
... Wednesday 9.30 am - 1 pm  
Thursday 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm  
  
Women - Tuesday 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm  
Thursday 10 am - 1 pm  
Saturday 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

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